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May 29, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

52 May 29, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FOR THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM WILMINGTON AVENUE TO LONG BEACH FREEWAY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF RANCHO DOMINGUEZ
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into a cooperative agreement between the City of Carson and the County of Los Angeles providing for the financing and delegation of responsibilities for the design and construction of roadway and traffic signal improvements on Del Amo Boulevard from Wilmington Avenue to the Long Beach Freeway.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into a cooperative agreement between the City of Carson and the County of Los Angeles providing for the financing and delegation of responsibilities for the design and construction of the roadway and traffic signal improvements on Del Amo Boulevard from Wilmington Avenue to the Long Beach Freeway.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into a cooperative agreement between the City of Carson and the County of Los Angeles (County) providing for the financing and delegation of responsibilities for the design and construction of the roadway and traffic signal improvements on Del Amo Boulevard from Wilmington Avenue to the Long Beach Freeway. Delegation of authority to the Director or her designee is necessary to expedite the processing of the agreement to enable the rehabilitation of the severely deteriorated pavement at the earliest possible date.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). By improving this roadway, residents of the cities and unincorporated County communities who travel on Del Amo Boulevard will benefit from improved driving conditions and their quality of life will be improved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is currently estimated to be \$2,679,000 with the City of Carson's share being \$273,000, the City of Long Beach's share being \$11,000, and the County's share being \$2,395,000. The City of Carson will finance its share of the project cost by utilizing \$273,000 of the City's credit of Federal Surface Transportation Program – Local (STP-L) funds previously assigned to the County under Agreement Nos. 74653, 75891 and 77081. The City of Long Beach is to finance its share of the project cost under a service request. This project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund and Proposition C Local Return Fund Budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County proposes to rehabilitate the existing roadway pavement, perform minor concrete repairs, construct wheelchair ramps, and modify the traffic signals on Del Amo Boulevard from Wilmington Avenue to the Long Beach Freeway. The proposed cooperative agreement with the City of Carson provides for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer construction of the project with the City and the County to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the cost of the project. Under the terms of the agreement, the City of Carson is to utilize its available credit of STP-L funds in the estimated amounts of \$81,432, \$70,615, and \$120,953, previously assigned to the County under Agreement Nos. 74653, 75891 and 77081, respectively, to finance its share of the cost of the project.

Section 1803 of the California Streets and Highways Code provides that the board of supervisors of any county may enter into contracts or agreements with the legislative body of any city for the purposes of more efficient construction or repair of streets and roads within the city. This proposal is also authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 6500 and 23004 et seq. of the Government Code.

Section 20395 of the State Public Contract Code allows your Board the ability to delegate authority to the Director or her designee to carry out all aspects of this project consistent with the recommendations contained herein. Granting this authority to the Director or her designee provides an accelerated process for project delivery.

The proposed agreement will be approved by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and (f) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and Class 1(i) and (x), Subsections 2, 14, and 22 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the addition of safety devices, resurfacing roadway pavement, and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed improvements on Del Amo Boulevard are needed and will enhance motorist and pedestrian safety.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office